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APPENDIX.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 402 on page 320.]

A.—(a) Out of 35 housing projects (Land Development Projects, Projects for the construction of houses and Slum Clearance Projects, 14 Middle Class Housing and Land Development Schemes and 6 Slum Improvement Schemes, have been completed and 15 are under execution by the Madras Housing Unit of the State Housing Board (successor to the former City Improvement Trust).

(b) Out of these 35 projects taken up for execution, 15 projects related to Slum Improvement/Clearance Schemes. One thousand and eight hundred plots have been allotted. No ready-built houses have been allotted so far.

(c) All earnest money deposits received from Low Income Group Housing Scheme applicants prior to 1958-59 were refunded. In 1958-59 far too many applications were received. No fresh applications were called for the next year. The unsuccessful applicants of 1958-59 were considered for the next batch and the earnest money deposits were retained for the purpose, at the request of the applicants and on the advice of the Government. The same applicants were considered for another year also as resolved by the former City Improvement Trust Board to give them another chance. The next advertisement after 1958-59 calling for applications, was made only in October-December 1961. Before this, two circulars were sent to all unsuccessful applicants to get back their money kept in deposit. There were two advertisements in the Press late last year requesting all the old applicants to take back their old deposits and apply again, if so desired. In spite of all these efforts made by the Madras Unit of the State Housing Board, 200 persons failed to take back their earnest money deposits amounting to Rs. 20,000.

(d) Rs. 20,000 as on 31st March 1962.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) This does not arise.